



Funding To Clean-up Petroleum-Contaminated Brownfield Sites

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is expected to be finalized soon and the Indiana Brownfields Program anticipates the final bill will provide funding for the assessment and/or clean-up of petroleum-contaminated sites. We believe such funding will be awarded through a competitive process that has not been described. In anticipation of the opportunity to apply for these funds, the Indiana Brownfields Program (Program) is directing its current pool of environmental consultants pre-qualified for its Petroleum Remediation Grant (PRG) incentive to canvas their regions and develop lists of petroleum-contaminated sites that may qualify for federal stimulus cleanup funds.

For the Brownfields Program's PRG incentive, the state was divided into seven regions and a consultant was assigned to each region. A map of the seven regions can be found at: <http://www.in.gov/ifa/brownfields/files/PRGMap.pdf>. A list of the currently qualified consultants and their assigned region can be found at: [http://www.in.gov/ifa/brownfields/files/Indiana Brownfields Program-qualified_consultants.pdf](http://www.in.gov/ifa/brownfields/files/Indiana_Brownfields_Program-qualified_consultants.pdf). If your community is contacted by the consultant for your region, please be sure to meet with them and provide them with any known or suspected petroleum-contaminated sites in your community. If your community is not contacted by a PRG consultant by Monday, February 23, 2009, and you have identified potential sites, please either contact your region's consultant directly or submit them to Kevin Davis, the Program's Technical Review Coordinator, at kdavis@ifa.in.gov or by phone at (317) 233-2415.

Depending on how the environmental cleanup provisions are finalized in the ultimately enacted American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the lists the PRG consultants will submit to the Program will be compiled and serve as a potential project list for use of federal stimulus funds. If any sites included on the Program's potential project list turn out to be ineligible for use of federal stimulus funds, the Program plans to use the same list to determine awards for future PRG funding. Therefore, the Program would like to stress that your community should bring any potential sites to the attention of your region's PRG consultant at this time as the Program will not be adding sites to the potential project list for future PRG funding after March 4, 2009. If your community already has a site on the existing PRG waitlist for your region, it will already be included on the list your regional consultant will be developing.

Any questions regarding this announcement can be directed to Kevin Davis at the above-listed contact information. Thank you.